

Leap into the New Year and Help Protect Your Vehicle From Auto Theft!

Please mark February 29th (Leap Day) on your calendar for the Kick-off Event to Arizona Vehicle Theft Prevention Day. It has been planned specifically for State Employees who work at or near the Capitol Mall and Tucson Regional Complex, although anyone may participate. The event is sponsored by the Arizona Auto Theft Authority and the Arizona State Capitol Police.

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) window etching is a deterrent against motor vehicle theft. It involves etching a vehicle's VIN onto its windshield and windows. This process marks a vehicle with its own set of fingerprints which makes the vehicle easily traced if stolen. The etching does not change the appearance of the car. In fact you can hardly see it, but the police and the thieves know right where to look and that's what counts.

Etched VINs make car stealing and parts fencing tougher. It effectively deters a vehicle from being stolen for resale because all the glass must be replaced – costing a thief both time and money. Theft of the vehicle by a “chop shop” for parts is also deterred because no thief wants the glass around their shop with the incriminating VIN etched on every piece.

The etched VIN numbers are small with a **BIG effect**. This service is provided at **no cost** to you by the Arizona Auto Theft Authority and Arizona State Capitol Police.

When:	Friday, February 29 th 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Where:	1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix & Tucson Regional Complex, Tucson
Information You Must Provide:	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Vehicle Make, Model, Year Insurance Company and Policy Number Vehicle Registration

Remember, crime prevention needs your attention!

Please contact the Arizona State Capitol Police at 602-542-0362 or the Arizona Auto Theft Authority at 602-364-AUTO (2886) if you have any questions.

Rain date: Friday, March 7th.